

AN APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING
A VIRTUAL COMMON HARD DISK RECORDER RESOURCE

ABSTRACT

The present invention is a method of networking hard disk recorders to create a virtual common hard disk recorder resource. Two or more networked hard disk recorders are networked together to create a virtual hard disk recorder with the pooled capabilities of all networked hard disk recorders. To provide such pooled capabilities, the present invention provides for a virtual common writing feature, wherein each hard disk recorder may write content to any of the other networked hard disk recorders. The present invention also provides for a virtual common reading feature, wherein each hard disk recorder may write content to any of the other hard disk recorders.